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SUBJECT: MARINE GUARDS FOR NIAMEY

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1. AFTER FURTHER CONSIDERATION AND DISCUSSION QUESTION MARINE SECURITY GUARDS FOR NIAMEY, I BELIEVE ADDED SECURITY THEY COULD PROVIDE WOULD BE MINIMAL AND NOT SUFFICIENT TO OUTWIEGH LIABILITIES OF THEIR PRESENCE. I THEREFORE RECOMMEND THAT FOR PRESENT THE ASSIGNMENT OF MARINE GUARD DETACHMENT FOR NIAMEY BE DEFERRED.

2. UP TO NOW LEVEL OF VIOLENCE OR AGITATION IN NIAMEY HAS BEEN LOW AND HAS BEEN EASILY CONTAINED BY NIGER AUTHORITIES. US IS CURRENTLY FAR DOWN LIST OF PRIORITY TARGETS OF POTENTIAL LOCAL AGITATORS. I AM CONVINCED WE CAN CONTINUE TO RELY FULLY ON LOCAL AUTHORITIES FOR ANY PROTECTION WE NEED AGAINST POSSIBLE MOB ACTION.

3. TERRORIST THREAT ADMITTEDLY IS ANOTHER MATTER SINCE EXPERIENCE HAS SHOWN TERRORISTS CAN STRIKE ALMOST ANYWHERE. NEVERTHELESS I DON NOT BELIEVE MARINE GUARDS ON DUTY IN CHANCERY WOULD SIGNIFICANTLY INCREASE OVERALL SECURITY FOR  
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OFFICIAL AMERICANS IN NIAMEY AGAINST A CONCERTED TERRORIST

KIDNAP OR ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT. IT WOULD ONLY MEAN TERRORISTS  
WOULD PROBABLY AVOID CHANCERY AND CONCENTRATE EFFORTS AT HOME,  
REC CENTER OR ON STREETS.

4. SMALL DEGREE OF ADDED PROTECTION WOULD HAVE TO BE WEIGHED  
AGAINST NEGATIVE CONSIDERATIONS OF PROBLEMS OF KEEPING UP  
MORALE AND STANDARDS OF CONDUCT OF YOUNG, UNMARRIED MARINES  
WHO WOULD HAVE PLENTY OF SPARE TIME BUT FEW LOCAL RECREATIONAL  
OR CULTURAL OPPORTUNITIES. ALSO OUR IMAGE WOULD NOT BE  
PARTICULARLY ENHANCED AND GON MIGHT NOT WELCOME OVERLY VISIBLE  
ADDITION SIX MARINES IN SMALL COMMUNITY WHERE OTHER EMBASSIES  
GUARDED UNOBTRUSIVELY BY LOCALS EXCEPT FOR SOVIET EMBASSY WHERE  
ON RUSSIAN CIVILIAN NIGHT WATCHMAN PERFORMS CHORE.  
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